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May 8, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENTS
ENGINEERING DESIGN AND SUPPORT SERVICES
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to execute Consultant Services Agreements with DMJM+Harris, Inc., Bureau Veritas North America, Inc., and Willdan for engineering design and support services for a three year term commencing on the date of the initial Notice to Proceed, with two, 1-year renewal options to be exercised at the discretion of the Director, or his designee, for a not-to-exceed fee of \$15 million each, with a total not-to-exceed amount of \$45 million, to be financed from various Public Works administered funds. Renewals will be recommended based upon the level of satisfaction with the services provided.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The recommended action would authorize the Director, or his designee, to obtain engineering design and support services that would enhance the development and accelerate the delivery of Public Works' programs.

Revenue projections for the road construction programs will be increasing significantly due to voter approval of Propositions 1A and 1B. The increases include recurring as well as one-time revenues. Thus, it is prudent at this juncture to augment existing County staffing resources through the use of consultants to ensure the County's timely use of these funds and to be in a position to seek additional funds should they become available.

With the passing of Proposition 1A, Proposition 42 revenues are more secure than in previous years when they were borrowed for several years by the State to balance the State budget. We project that Proposition 42 will result in \$63 million of funding annually, on a formula basis, beginning in Fiscal Year 2008-09 and every year thereafter. Proposition 1B will cause a one-time increase in revenues over a period of several years. The disbursement schedule is currently being developed at the State level. The County will receive \$194.4 million in additional revenue on a formula basis and as much as another \$225 million on a competitive basis.

Increases of this magnitude will not only affect our staff working on Road Fund services and projects, but will ripple throughout the Department as we realign our staff to ensure that the needs of all Public Works programs are met and that appropriate direction is provided to the consultants. As such, your Board's approval is requested to allow the selected consultants to be used to augment existing staff in the following program areas: Airports, Bikeways, Bridges, Flood Control, Highways, Roads, Sewer Systems, Transit Systems, and Waterworks Systems.

These consultants will perform project identification/scoping, program development, project design, project management, scheduling, and other appurtenant support services under Public Works' supervision.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County Strategic Plan Goals of Organizational Effectiveness and Service Excellence by seeking the services of qualified consultants to supplement existing County staff to deliver enhanced services to County residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Public Works has negotiated a not-to-exceed fee of \$15 million each with DMJM+Harris, Inc., Bureau Veritas North America, Inc., and Willdan, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$45 million, which represents the estimated cost to provide services over the five year period. For the initial three-year term, the fee shall not exceed \$4 million per year for each firm. In the two, 1-year renewal options, the fee shall not exceed \$1.5 million per year for each firm. Contracting authority remaining at the end of each contract year shall carry over into the succeeding contract year. The contract term shall commence upon the date of the initial Notice to Proceed. It is expected that the initial three-year term will start during Fiscal Year 2006-07 and conclude in Fiscal Year 2009-10. The two, 1-year options, if exercised, would be operative during Fiscal Years 2009-10 to 2011-2012, inclusive.

The total annual expenditures for this service, however, will not exceed the amount approved by the Board, and no service will be ordered without the funding authorization of Public Works' Financial Management Branch. Services may be ordered for and subsequently funded by various Public Works administered funds. Any expenditures from the General Fund will be included in the General Fund Budget for that fiscal year.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard Consultant Services Agreement, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The standard Consultant Services Agreement includes the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract terminations, renegotiations, and hiring of qualified displaced County employees.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration for contract award, DMJM+Harris, Inc., Bureau Veritas North America, Inc., and Willdan, are willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence/General Relief Opportunity for Work participants for future employment.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the Agreement requiring the consultants and their subconsultants to notify their employees about Board Policy 5.135 (Safely Surrendered Baby Law) and that they may be eligible for the Federal-Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

DMJM+Harris, Inc., Bureau Veritas North America, Inc., and Willdan, are in full compliance with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and Chapter 2.03 (Contractor Employee Jury Service Program).

The contract with DMJM+Harris, Inc., Bureau Veritas North America, Inc., and Willdan, includes a Cost-of-Living Adjustment provision in accordance with your Board Policy, which was approved on January 29, 2002.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended action does not constitute a project as set forth by the California Environmental Quality Act, and therefore does not require an environmental finding. Appropriate environmental documents will be prepared when projects developed under this Agreement are brought to your Board.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On December 28, 2006, Public Works issued a Request for Proposals for as-needed engineering design and support services. We received 12 proposals and an Evaluation Committee, comprised of Public Works staff, evaluated the proposals. The evaluation was based on technical expertise, proposed work plan, experience, personnel qualifications, and understanding of the work requirements. The firms were selected without regard to race, creed, color, or gender.

As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998, this contract opportunity was listed on the Doing Business with Us website. A copy of the website posting is included as Enclosure A for your reference.

DMJM+Harris, Inc., Bureau Veritas North America, Inc., and Willdan's, Community Business Enterprises participation data and three-year contracting history with the County are on file with Public Works.

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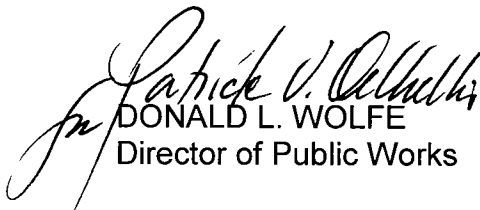
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects as a result of authorizing the award of the recommended Consultant Services Agreements. Authorizing the recommended consultant services agreements with DMJM+Harris, Inc., Bureau Veritas North America, Inc., and Willdan, will facilitate the development and accelerate the delivery of Public Works programs by augmenting existing Public Works staff.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval, please return two adopted copies of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,


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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Department of Public Social Services (GAIN/GROW Program)

Bid Detail Information

Bid Number : 122806ROAD

Bid Title : ENGINEERING DESIGN AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE ROAD/FLOOD CONTROL
CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

Bid Type : Service

Department : Public Works

Commodity : ENGINEERING - CIVIL

Open Date : 12/28/2006

Closing Date : 1/29/2007 4:00 PM

Bid Amount : N/A

Bid Download : Not Available

Bid Description : The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (Public Works) is inviting proposals from qualified firms to provide Engineering Design and Support Services for the Road/Flood Control Construction Programs for various locations throughout Los Angeles County, California.

FOR FASTEST RESPONSE, PLEASE EMAIL YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION TO
mjerge@dpw.lacounty.gov Thank you.

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